

240. The amount of trade done by the United States is only exceeded by three countries in the world, and is therefore many times larger than the trade of Canada, though in proportion to population the trade of the Dominion is considerably in advance of that of the United States, as is shown by the following statement :—

Canadian and United States trade per head compared.

FOREIGN TRADE OF CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES, PER CAPITA, 1890.

COUNTRY.	Imports.	Exports.	Total Trade.
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
Canada.....	23 50	18 66	42 16
United States	12 63	13 73	26 36
Excess per head in favour of Canada.....	10 87	4 93	15 80

These figures, however, while showing that the external trade of Canada is, proportionately to population, larger than that of the United States, do not necessarily indicate that therefore this country is in a better commercial position, but probably only that a larger proportion of home manufactured goods are provided in the States, and that that country therefore is not compelled to the same extent to go elsewhere for supplies.

241. A comparative summary of the value of the principal articles imported in the last three years will be found in the following table, dutiable goods being distinguished from those admitted free :—

Summary of imports, 1888, 1889 and 1890.